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For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD, PROVIDING MEDIUM  
AND PRESENTATION SYSTEM  
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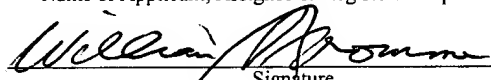
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR  
ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified application on October 2, 2001, requiring an election of species among those species identified by the Examiner.

Notwithstanding the Examiner's characterization of the disclosed species, it is submitted that claims 1-9 are readable on the drawing figures as follows:

Species I, Fig. 3, upon which claims 1-5 and 9 read; and

Species II, Fig. 6, upon which claims 1-9 read.

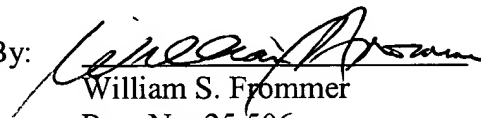
It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-5 and 9 are generic to both species. The Examiner agreed that, at least claims 1 and 4, are generic.

Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Species I corresponding to Fig. 3 including claims 1-5 and 9, for further prosecution in the present application. It is recognized that if any of those above-noted claims that are generic ultimately are allowed, the requirement for an election of species will be withdrawn and all claims will be examined.

Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application, if necessary, so as to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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